

SPECIES VERIFICATION REPORT

This form should be used for reporting verification details of breeding species listed with an asterisk on the checklist. These species are uncommon breeding species in Michigan. Be very cautious when observing nesting activities of these species so that they are not disrupted. This form should also be used for species not listed on the Michigan checklist. It is important to remember that there are some name changes and changes in order on your checklist as a result of action by the Committee on Taxonomy and Nomenclature of the American Ornithologists' Union. If you have questions or need help with this form, contact your regional coordinator or the Research Office.

Species: _____ Number of birds: _____

Observer: _____ Telephone Number: _____

Street Address: _____ E-mail Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Exact Location: _____ County: _____

Township: _____ Range: _____ Block: _____ (Section): _____

Date(s) observed: _____ Breeding Criteria Code: _____

Habitat Description:

How was it observed?

- (A) Optical equipment
- (B) Distance
- (C) Light and weather conditions
- (D) Length of observation

Please describe all the necessary and important details involved in your identification, including description of size, shape, and color pattern of all parts of the plumage, including diagnostic characteristics. Include only what was actually seen in the field.

Description of behavior.

Description of voice, if heard.

Could this species be confused with similar species, and if so, how was it differentiated? Does the observer have previous experience with this species?

Breeding Evidence -- Please be explicit about any breeding evidence and the circumstances by which the code was determined.

Nest description and location, if observed.

Other verification submitted (photograph or other materials).

Please record other observers (give addresses).

Signature of reporting observer: _____

Date this report was written: _____

SEND THIS FORM TO THE MBBA OFFICE at the Kalamazoo Nature Center, 7000 N. Westnedge Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49009-6309.